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SUBJECT: MOROCCAN CANDIDACY FOR COMMISSION ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
FOR DEVELOPMENT

¶1. (U) The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation (MFA) conveyed to Post on December 8 a diplomatic note requesting USG support for Morocco's candidacy to the UN Commission on Science and Technology for Development, a subsidiary body of the Economic and Social Council. The MFA noted that Morocco has held membership only once on the Commission, from 2002 - 2006.

¶2. (SBU) The Embassy's English translation of the text of the diplomatic note follows.

BEGIN TEXT OF NOTE:

Kingdom of Morocco
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation
Directorate of United Nations and International Organizations
Division of International Organizations
Service of Candidacies and Contributions

No. KA 3442/DG/8.1.3
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December 7,

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America in Rabat and has the honor to inform the Embassy that the Kingdom of Morocco has decided to present its candidature for the post of Member of the United Nations Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD), a subsidiary body of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), for the period 2010-2014, at the elections which will be held in New York in May 2010, during the organizational session of ECOSOC.

The Kingdom of Morocco has held a seat only once in this Commission, which was created in 1992, during the period 2002-2006. During this period, in addition to its active participation in this Commission, Morocco was a board member of the 8th Session and organized, in November 2005 in Rabat, the 9th Recess Panel on "Reducing the Technological Gap between and within Nations."

In view of the excellent relations of friendship and cooperation between our two countries, the Moroccan Government kindly requests the support of the Government of the United States of America for this candidacy.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Kingdom of Morocco takes this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America in Rabat the assurances of its highest consideration.

END TEXT OF NOTE

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